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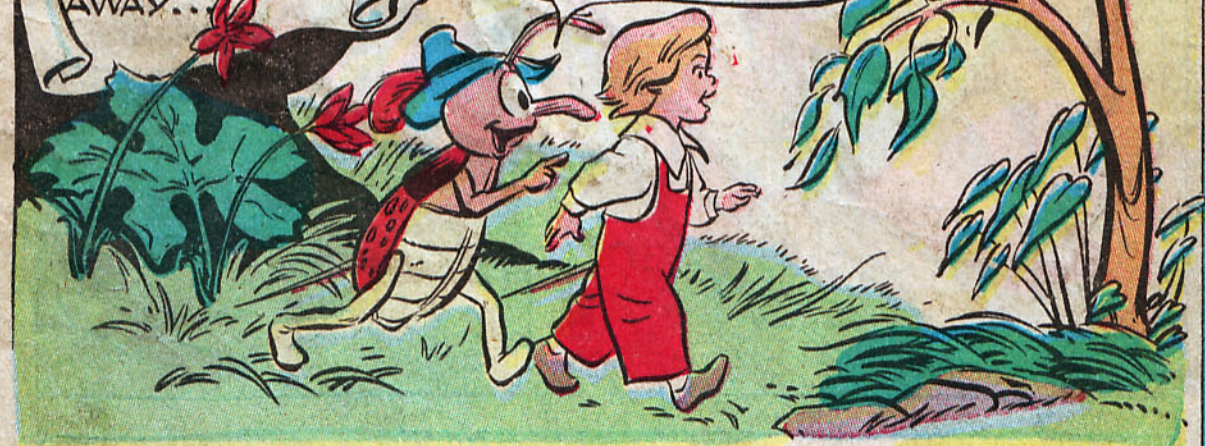
PRESENTS

The Adventures of **PETER WHEAT**

THE WHITE
BLANKET
OF SNOW
THAT COVERED
THE WHEAT
KINGDOM HAS
SLOWLY MELTED
AWAY...

LOOK! EVEN THE TREES ARE
BEGINNING TO SPROUT THEIR
LEAVES!

AYE! FROM THE
LOOKS OF THINGS
WE'RE GOING TO
HAVE AN AWFULLY
EARLY SPRING!

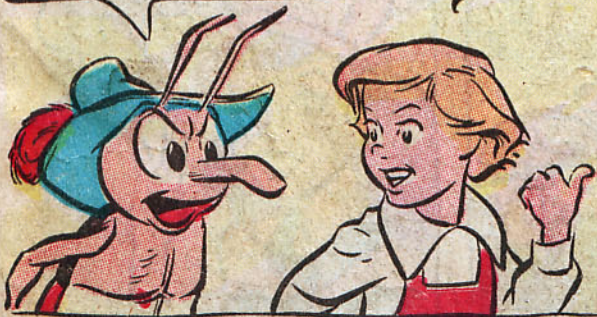


I HOPE SO! I'VE
HAD ENOUGH OF
THIS FREEZING
WINTER WEATHER!

LET'S GO
DOWN BY
THE LAKE...

NOW THAT THE ICE
HAS MELTED WE
CAN GO FOR A
SAIL ON MY RAFT!

'TIS
A GOOD
DAY FOR
IT,
PETER...

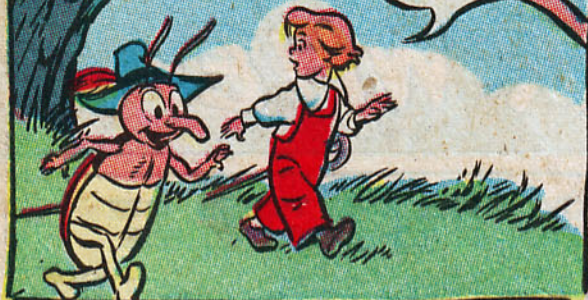




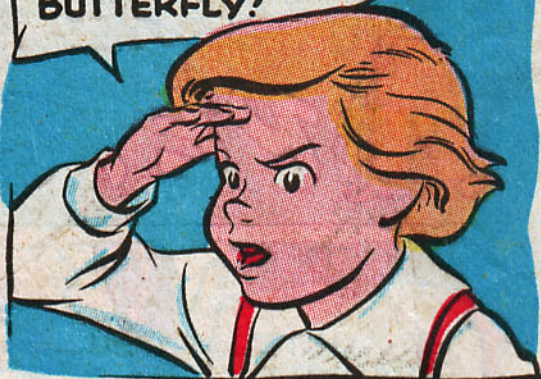
WEB COMIC
UNIVERSE.COM

THERE'S A STRONG BREEZE
COMING FROM THE NORTH!

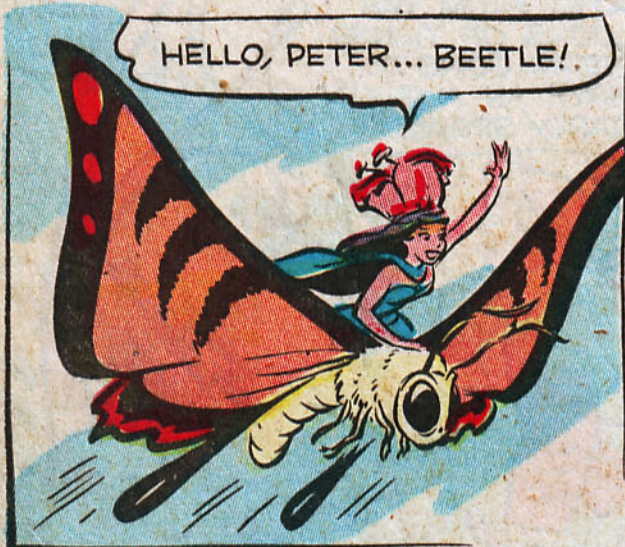
WAIT
UP,
BEETLE...



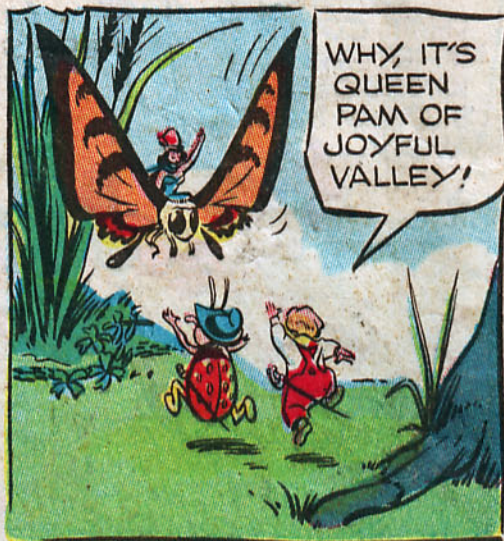
MORE THAN A BREEZE IS
COMING FROM THE NORTH!
BEHOLD... SOMEONE
APPROACHES ON A
BUTTERFLY!



HELLO, PETER... BEETLE!

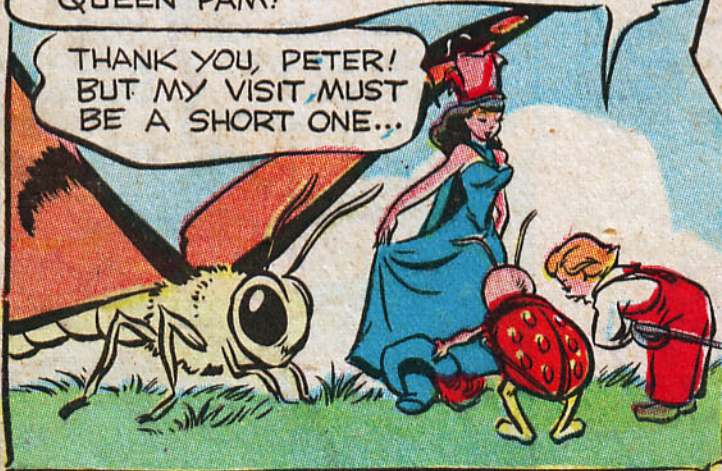


WHY, IT'S
QUEEN
PAM OF
JOYFUL
VALLEY!



WELCOME TO THE WHEAT KINGDOM,
QUEEN PAM!

THANK YOU, PETER!
BUT MY VISIT MUST
BE A SHORT ONE...



I CAME OVER TO IN-
VITE YOU AND THE WHEAT
FOLK TO OUR FLOWER
FESTIVAL IN JOYFUL
VALLEY!

WHEN
DOES IT
START?



TOMORROW MORNING!
COME EARLY AND STAY
LATE! 'BYE!

WE'LL BE
THERE!
'BYE!

WE'LL HAVE TO SPREAD THE
WORD TO THE WHEAT FOLK
SO THEY'LL BE READY TO
LEAVE FIRST THING IN THE
MORNING!

AYE! IT'S A
LONG
JOURNEY!

THE FOLLOWING
MORNING,
THE WHEAT FOLK
ARE READY TO
LEAVE ...
ALL, THAT IS,
EXCEPT ONE!

WHERE'S
LIZARD?

I DON'T
KNOW!

HAVEN'T SEEN HIM!

LET'S LEAVE
WITHOUT
HIM!

I'LL GO
CHECK AND
SEE IF HE'S
IN HIS HOUSE!

HURRY!
WE'RE
LATE
NOW!

LIZARD! ARE YOU GOING
WITH US?

UH? OH, I GUESS
I OVERSLEPT!

I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE GOING, PETER! I HAVE THE "SNEEZIES"!

YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT YOUR SNEEZING IN JOYFUL VALLEY!



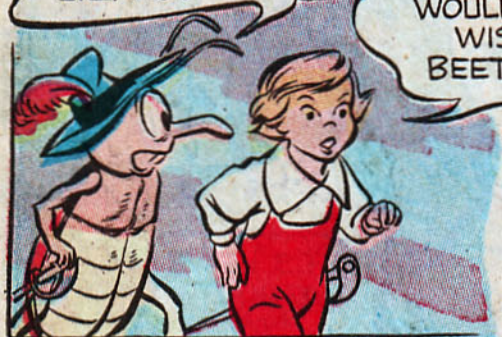
BEETLE AND I WILL LEAD THE WAY! BE SURE AND STAY CLOSE TOGETHER!

AYE!



SHORTLY WHY DON'T WE TAKE THE SHORT CUT, PETER? WE COULD MAKE UP THAT TIME WE LOST WAITING FOR LIZARD!

I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE WISE, BEETLE!



GOING THROUGH THE FORBIDDEN CAVES MIGHT PROVE **DANGEROUS!**

AW--



THOSE GIANT BATS LIVING INSIDE ALWAYS **SLEEP** DURING THE **DAYTIME!**

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT!



REMEMBER! NO SOUND AS WE GO THROUGH THE FORBIDDEN CAVES! WE DON'T WANT TO AWAKEN THE THE GIANT BATS!

WE'LL BE QUIET, PETER!



CAUTIOUSLY THEY
MOVE THROUGH
THE DARK CAVE. THE
SLEEPING BATS ARE
UNAWARE OF THEIR
PRESENCE, WHEN
SUDDENLY...

AH-AHHH...

AH-CHOO!

I'M SORRY, PETER!
I COULDN'T HELP
IT! MY "SNEEZIES,"
YOU KNOW!

QUICK!
THE
BATS ARE
WAKING
UP!

IF WE CAN ONLY MAKE
IT TO THE EXIT IN TIME!

TOO LATE, PETER!
HERE THEY COME!

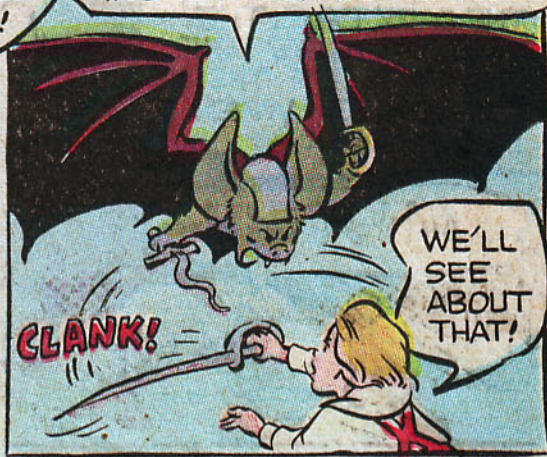
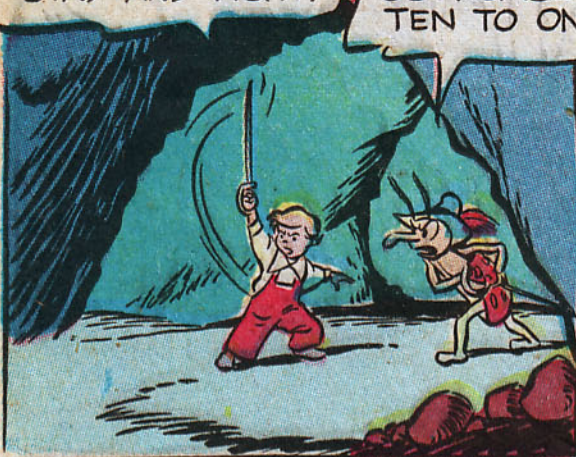
THEY'VE GOT
MOLE, PETER!

HELP!

WE'LL HAVE TO
STAY AND FIGHT!

AYE! BUT WE'RE
OUTNUMBERED
TEN TO ONE!

YOU'LL REGRET SNEAK-
ING THROUGH OUR CAVES!



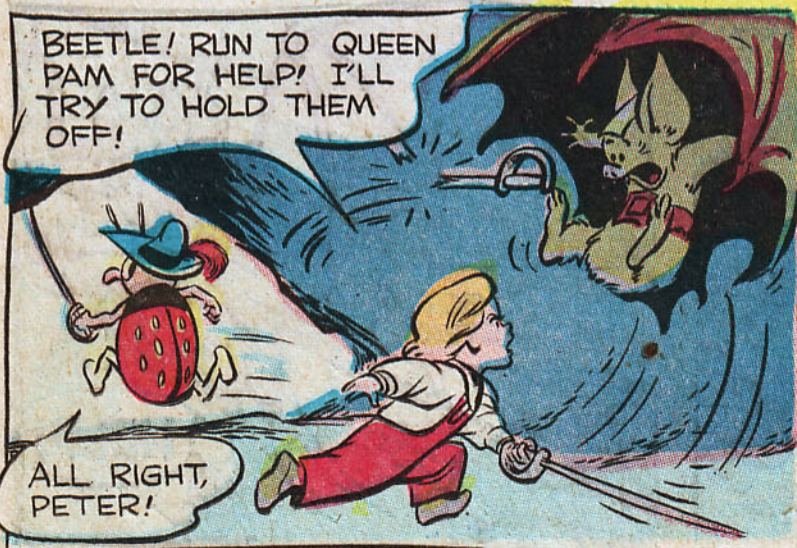
WE'RE LOSING
GROUND, PETER!

IT'S SO DARK IN
HERE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
TO SEE THEM COMING!



BEEBLE! RUN TO QUEEN
PAM FOR HELP! I'LL
TRY TO HOLD THEM
OFF!

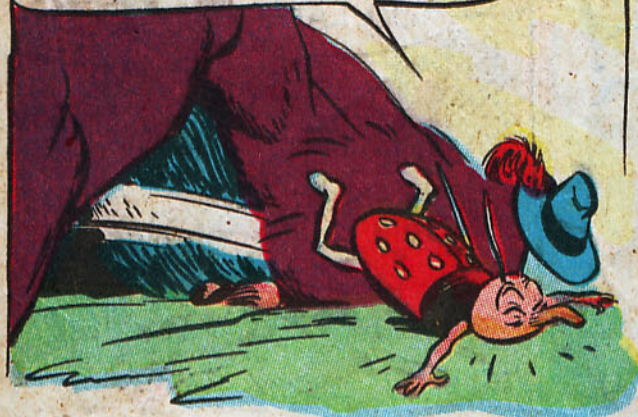
ALL RIGHT,
PETER!



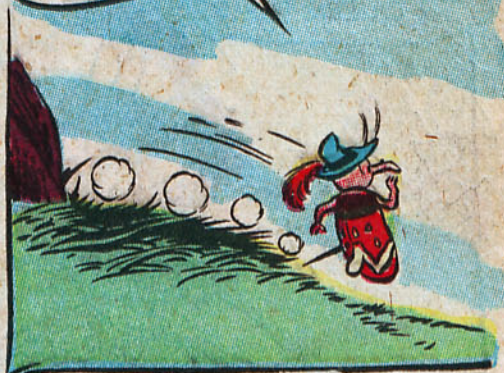
ZOUNDS! THIS
IS GOING
TO BE CLOSE!



MADE IT! IT'S A GOOD
THING THOSE BATS CAN'T
SEE IN THE DAYLIGHT!



OTHERWISE, HE COULD
HAVE ZOOMED OUT OF
THE CAVE AND GRABBED
ME!



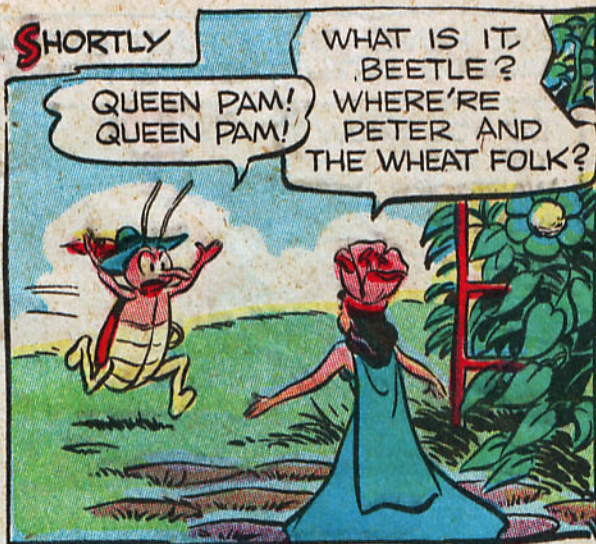
I WONDER WHY PETER
WANTED ME TO SEE QUEEN
PAM? SHE HAS NO
WARRIORS TO GO
TO THE RESCUE!



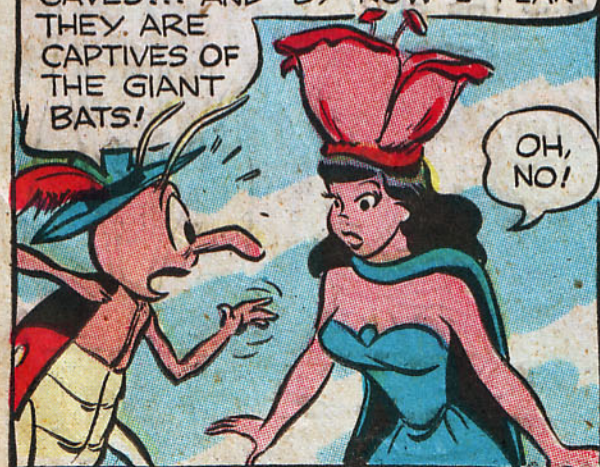
SHORTLY

QUEEN PAM!
QUEEN PAM!

WHAT IS IT,
BEETLE?
WHERE'RE
PETER AND
THE WHEAT FOLK?



ALL ARE IN THE FORBIDDEN
CAVES... AND BY NOW I FEAR
THEY ARE
CAPTIVES OF
THE GIANT
BATS!



OH,
NO!

PETER SEEMED TO THINK YOU
COULD FIGURE OUT A WAY
TO SAVE THEM!



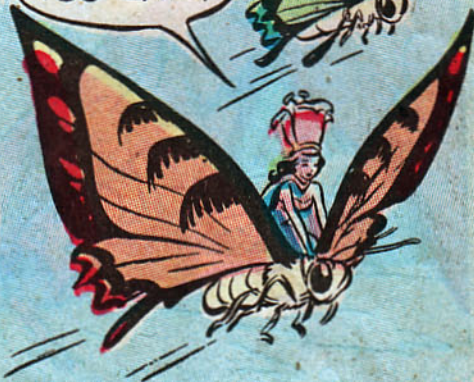
THERE
MUST
BE A
WAY!

COME, BEETLE! WE'LL USE
THESE BUTTERFLY
MOUNTS!

WHERE AWAY
TO, QUEEN PAM?



WE MUST
SUMMON HELP
BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE!



I'VE HEARD THOSE GIANT BATS ARE
VICIOUS WITH THEIR CAPTIVES!

DO YOU KNOW
OF ANY
WARRIORS
NEARBY?



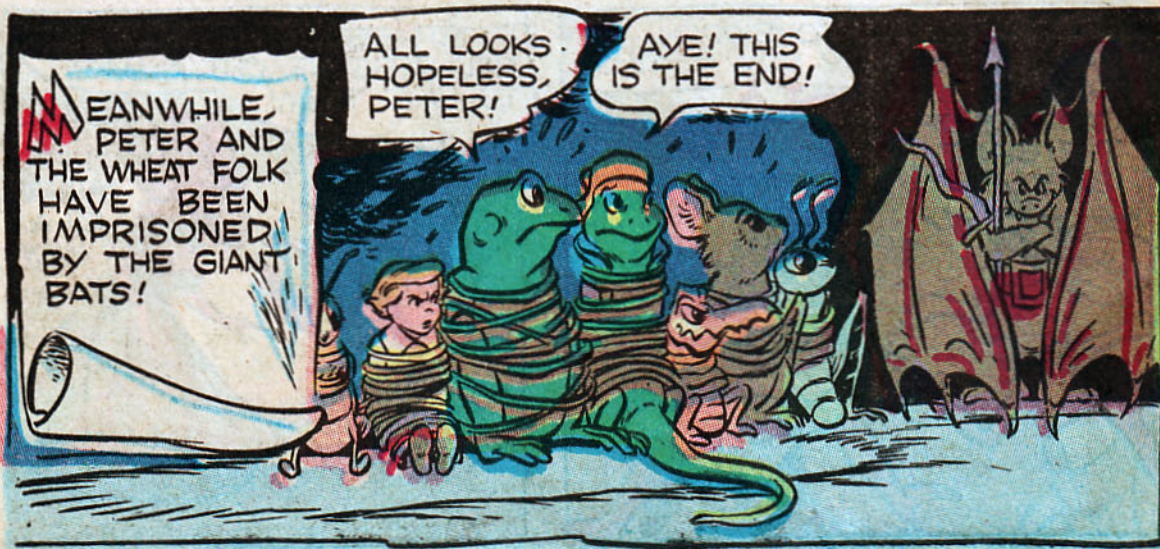
NAY! BUT THE CREATURES
I HAVE IN MIND
MAY PROVE
BETTER THAN
WARRIORS!



MEANWHILE,
PETER AND
THE WHEAT FOLK
HAVE BEEN
IMPRISONED
BY THE GIANT
BATS!

ALL LOOKS
HOPELESS,
PETER!

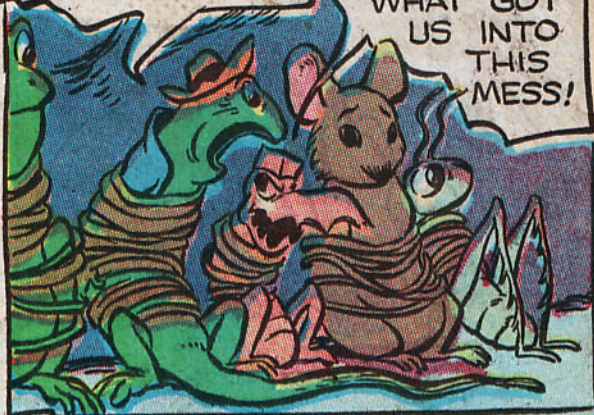
AYE! THIS
IS THE END!



IF BEETLE DOESN'T
RETURN SOON WITH
HELP, I AM AFRAID
WE'LL BE DONE
FOR!

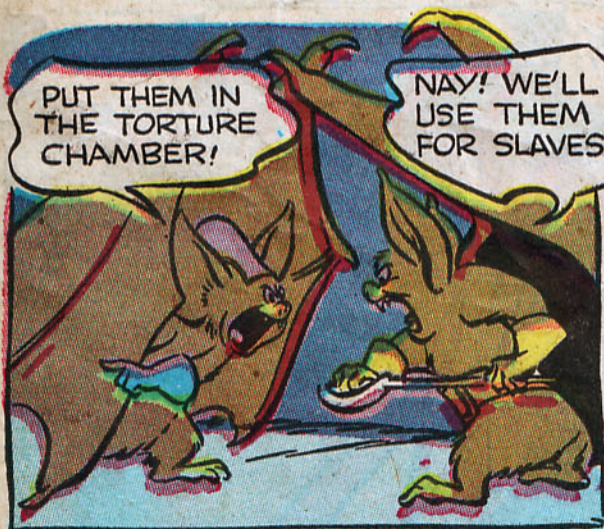


(SNIFF) I SHOULD HAVE
STAYED HOME IN BED
WITH MY "SNEEZIES"!



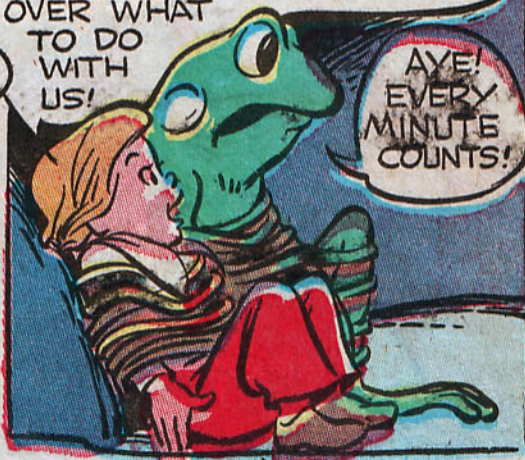
I WISH YOU
HAD! YOUR
SNEEZE IS
WHAT GOT
US INTO
THIS
MESS!

PUT THEM IN
THE TORTURE
CHAMBER!



NAY! WE'LL
USE THEM
FOR SLAVES!

WE'RE GAINING VALUABLE
TIME WHILE THEY'RE ARGUING
OVER WHAT
TO DO
WITH
US!



AYE!
EVERY
MINUTE
COUNTS!

STOP YOUR BICKERING!
I'M THE LEADER HERE!
I'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO
WITH THE INTRUDERS!



AYE!

DROP THEM IN THE
BOTTOMLESS PIT!



YEA!

THAT'LL FINISH
THEM FOR GOOD!

THIS ONE
GOES FIRST!

AYE! HE WOUNDED
MANY OF OUR
WARRIORS!



THAT MAKES ONE
MORE!



IN WITH HIM!

HE'LL KICK
NO MORE!

I CAN'T LOOK!

POOR
PETER!



BEETLE HAS
FAILED US!
WE'RE
DOOMED!

I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE HIM!
NEVER!



THROW IN THE
REST OF THOSE
CREATURES!
QUICKLY!

WAIT!
GRAB YOUR
SPEARS!
STRANGERS
APPROACH!



HURRY! FILL THIS CAVE WITH
LIGHT... YOUR MOST DAZZLING LIGHT!

WHAT'S
THIS ?

LEAVE IT TO US,
BEETLE!

I CAN'T SEE!

NOR I!

STOP! PUT OUT THAT
BLINDING LIGHT!

HELP!

LOOK! FIREFLYS
ARE LIGHTING
UP THE CAVE!

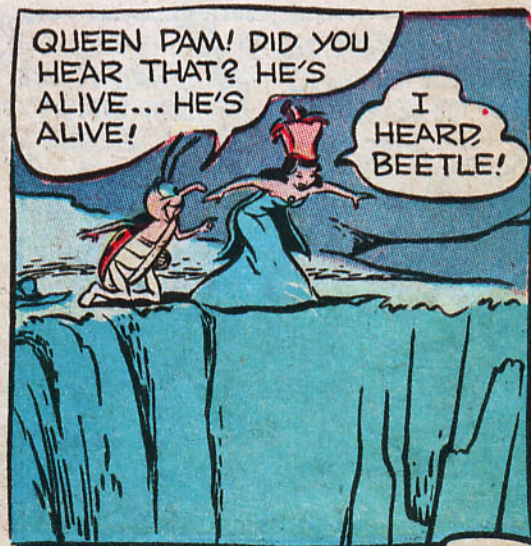
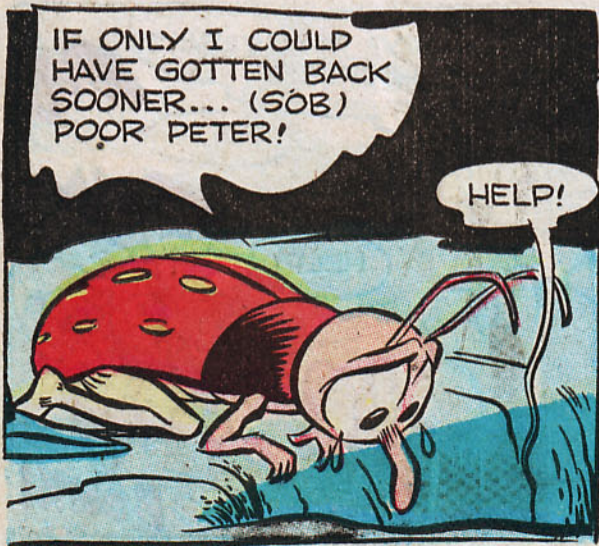
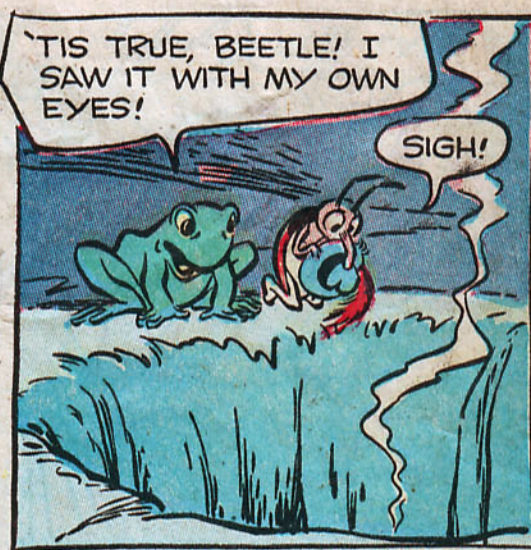
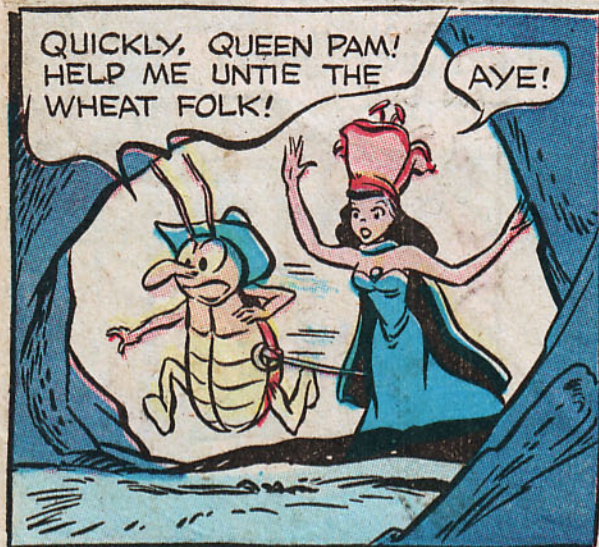
IT'S
BRIGHT AS
DAYLIGHT
IN HERE!

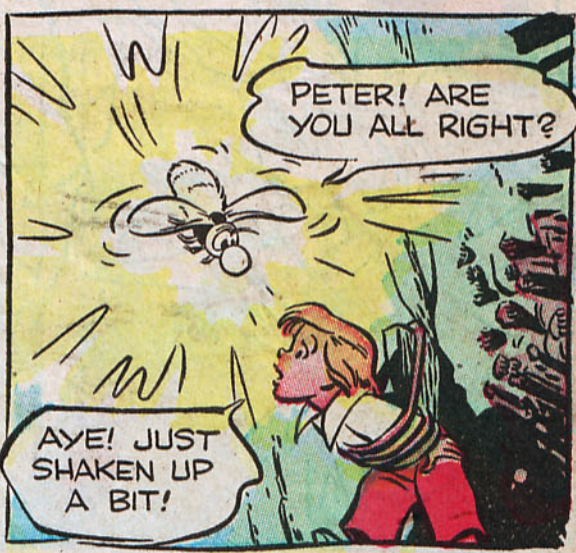
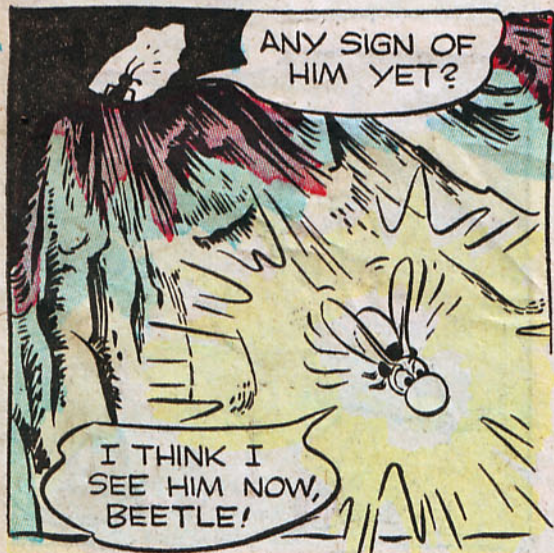
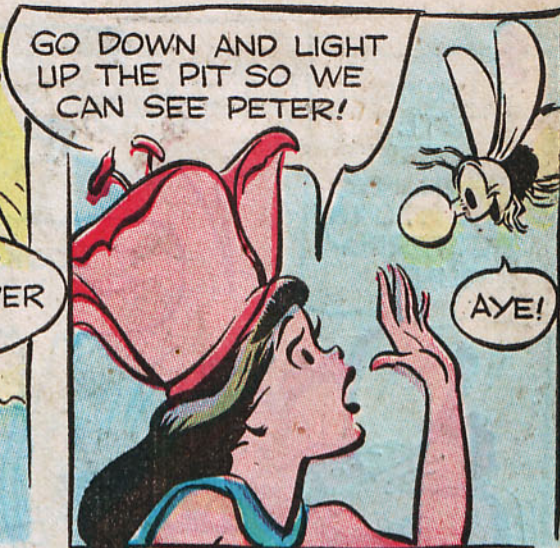
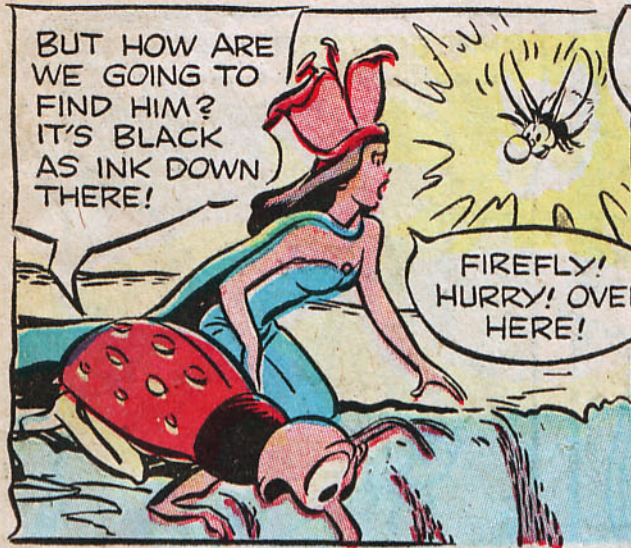
ME, OH MY! THOSE BATS
ARE A HELPLESS
BUNCH!

HELP!

HELP!

BONK!

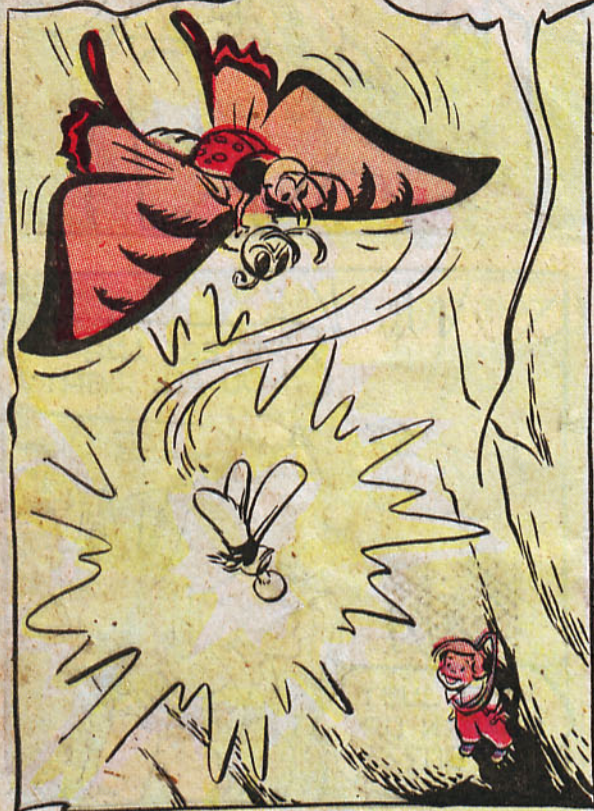




SECONDS LATER, BEETLE FLUTTERS DOWN INTO THE PIT ON A BUTTERFLY MOUNT.

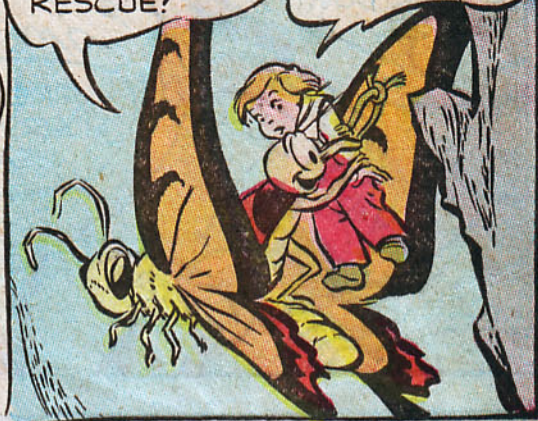
YOU MUST HAVE A CHARMED LIFE, PETER!

IT LOOKS THAT WAY!



THIS BUTTERFLY MOUNT IS JUST THE THING FOR THIS SORT OF RESCUE!

I HOPE HE CAN CARRY BOTH OF US!



HOORAY!

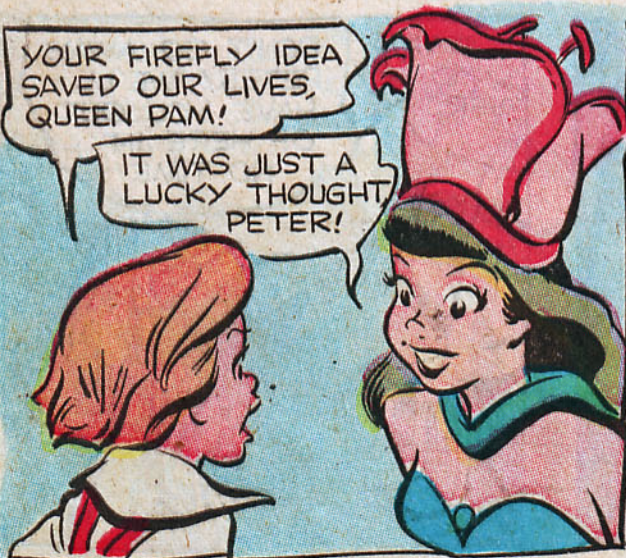
YEA, PETER!

HE'S SAFE!



YOUR FIREFLY IDEA SAVED OUR LIVES, QUEEN PAM!

IT WAS JUST A LUCKY THOUGHT PETER!



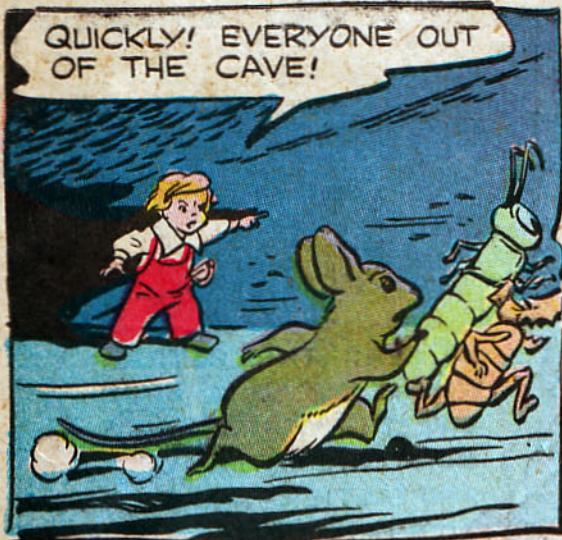
PETER! MY LIGHT WENT OUT!

MINE, TOO!

UH; OH!



QUICKLY! EVERYONE OUT
OF THE CAVE!



IF **ALL** THE FIREFLYS BURN
OUT, THE BATS WILL HAVE
US AT THEIR MERCY AGAIN!



I'M THE LAST ONE OUT,
PETER! THE CAVE IS
DARK AGAIN!



LET'S BE ON
OUR WAY!

THE FARTHER I GET
AWAY FROM THOSE
CAVES, THE BETTER
I LIKE IT!

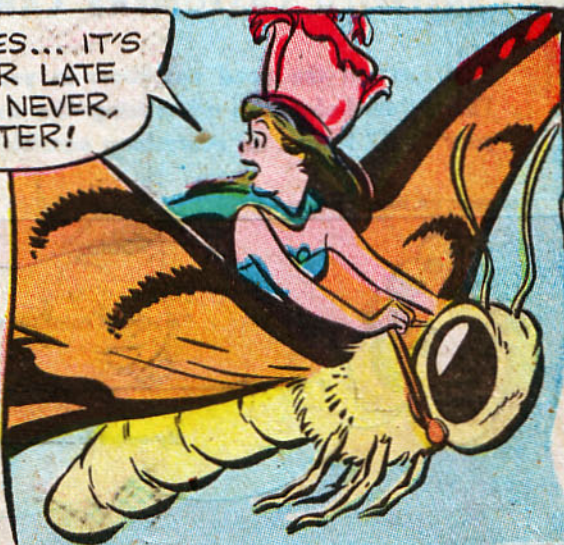


I'M SORRY WE'RE
GOING TO BE LATE
FOR YOUR FLOWER
FESTIVAL, QUEEN
PAM!

IT COULDN'T
BE HELPED!



BESIDES... IT'S
BETTER LATE
THAN NEVER,
PETER!



"to YOU My Customer"

THE FINEST
PETER WHEAT
ADVERTISING
MESSAGE IN
THE WORLD
GOES OUT OVER
THE BACK FENCE

MY DEAR, THIS PETER
WHEAT BREAD IS MUCH
SWEETER, WHITER,
MOISTER, LIGHTER
AND TASTIER - AND
IT'S DELIVERED
TO YOUR DOOR!



SATISFIED CUSTOMERS CAN **"tell"** A STORY

You can tell the good neighbors in your block about my service and products. This is word-of-mouth advertising—the most powerful in the world! In return for your "tell," I must do everything possible to earn your patronage and confidence.

Your Peter Wheat Man.

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"My good neighbor wants you to stop and 'tell' your story. My neighbor's

name is _____; address _____

My name is _____"